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THE DIPLOMAT FROM CHINA.

As a matter of fact, Mr. Wu Ting-fang, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States from China, seems to get more genuine amusement and satisfaction out of the strenuous civilization of this new West than the average American.

Aside from the merits of the controversy, if such it can be called, he seems to have greatly vanquished Mr. Samuel Gompers in the matter of the use of the term "labor agitator." Mr. Gompers, though not mentioned in Mr. Wu's note to the State Department in which the objectionable term was employed, took the matter to heart, accepted it as obnoxious, and belabored the Celestial Diplomat.

Mr. Wu smilingly produces two of the leading American dictionaries, justifies his use of the words thereby, and smiles. Incidentally, he suggests that Mr. Gompers might have the offending dictionaries revised.

Mr. Wu is a study. When he appears to be the most effervescent he is likely to be in the deepest thought. Affability is his characteristic condition. Combining racial stoicism with Western knowledge and training, he often puzzles even the diplomats with whom he is brought into contact.

Mr. Wu is an enigma to the character student and the most competent mind reader would find him unattractable. However much Mr. Wu is inwardly agitated over the Chinese exclusion campaign, it never appears on the surface. His emotions are not public property, except so far as he wishes, and about all that he ever exhibits is his overblowing good nature, which very often is a mask for keen observation and clever investigation. To sum him up, Mr. Wu is a wonder.

THE PHILIPPINES MATTER.

A large number of prominent Americans have asked for an investigation of certain matters in connection with the pacification of the Philippines. Men of intellect and men who love their country have apparently petitioned in the best of faith for an enquiry into the conduct of the American army in the Philippines.

The Philippine problem has necessarily become involved. It undoubtedly presents exigencies which must be solved by those on the ground and in the manner most effective. Few rules can be laid down for dealing with a crisis. There certainly ought always to be some elasticity, so long as no cardinal principles are involved.

The petitioners insist that methods discreditable to the army of a civilized nation have been employed against the natives of the archipelago. We know that the natives have used the most barbarous schemes to maim, kill, torture, and destroy the American soldier. Perhaps the military forces of Uncle Sam have been compelled to adopt measures that, under the ordinary conditions of warfare and against an enemy that observes the rules of war, would be unjustifiable.

The American people will hesitate to believe that the commanding officers of the American troops in the Philippines have outraged the nation by wanton deeds of violence not warranted by the conditions confronting them. However, it might be well to find out just what is being done and how.

ALONG THE KIRKISH LINE.

A New Ally.
Slim Pitt—That man Kipling has come down here again.
Slim Pitt—And why so?
Slim Pitt—Because he will write things about the rocks which will make them so angry with him that they will have no time to attend to us.

In the Olden Days.
In the dead of night two Puritan ghosts from Salem came wandering through the Capitol and, being ghosts, listened to the ghosts of the speeches which had been made that day.

"O a truth, neighbor," said Ghost Sewall in a puzzled way, "the things which the Senator from South Carolina said to the Senator from Michigan were a plenty and hard to digest. What think you they will do with him?"

"Probably nothing in these degenerate days," coughed Ghost Slater, with a sigh, "but an 'twere in our time, we had a law by which connection could be established between the common scold and the nearest post."

Hard Lines.
It is pretty hard on a dignified man when the cinematograph catches him just as he has failed to catch his hat out of a mousetrap.

Matting the Connection.
Matrimonial bureaus might be more of a success were it not for the fact that most of the men who advertise for a wife don't care about the kind of woman who advertises for husbands.

Easy.
"They say that Mansfield is playing 'The Terrible'."
"Yes, he told me so, and judging by her looks I think it must be a nervous system."

The Usual Kind.
"Mrs. Pinfold says that she has a system for everything that she does."
"Yes, she told me so, and judging by her looks I think it must be a nervous system."

Epidemic.
"Here's a case of four prisoners escaping from the District workhouse. The example of the Biddle must be catching."

What We Have Missed.
"They wanted a chance for a lot of fun when they selected the envoys to the coronation."
"How so?"
"They might have sent Tom Reed, Mr. Bailey, and George Ade. Then we'd have known what really happened."

A Possible Use.
"Wonder what has become of all the 'they' words so plentiful."

PERSONAL.

Mr. Robert W. Dutton, Chief of the Fire Department, was again at his desk yesterday, after having been confined to his home since Monday with a bad cold. For a time he was threatened with the grip.

Mr. M. P. Evans, chief of the Bureau of Identification of the Chicago Police Department, is in the city, visiting his son, who is now the superintendent of the National Bureau of Identification.

Miss Hinchey, of Chevy Chase, expects to leave for Denver, Col., about February 15, to visit her brother, Mr. Oscar Hinchey, of that city. En route to Denver, she will visit Memphis, Atlanta, and Kansas City, besides many other places.

Mr. Horace L. B. Atkinson, of the eastern division of the Pension office, is confined to his home, 1211 Q Street northwest, by illness.

Mrs. S. A. Chipman and her daughter Nellie and Miss Alice Smith, of New York, are at the Hotel St. Louis. They have planned to remain in the city several days, visiting friends and sightseeing.

Friends of Mr. Maurice H. Leeman will be pleased to learn that his condition is considerably improved. He is expected to be out of the house in a few days.

Mrs. Joseph A. McNeal, of Elkhart, Md., is visiting her son at his residence, 301 M Street northwest. She will remain in Washington probably two weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Riggs, of Tacoma, Wash., is visiting Mrs. George R. Williams, of 2121 Bancroft Place. It is likely that Mr. and Mrs. Riggs, who formerly resided in Washington, will again make this city their home.

Observations.

An enormous increase in England's national debt is noted, indicating that John Bull is not getting anything in South Africa at reduced rates.

Having once rescued Miss Cuba from the giant Tynan, Uncle Sam will not, of course, allow her to starve to death, as some of the pessimists have tried to lead us to believe.

It did not require several pages of certain metropolitan journals to convince the general public that the Biddle tragedy in Pennsylvania was distinctly yellow.

Baltimore has declined to extend an official invitation to Prince Henry to visit that city. Perhaps that is the best way of getting around a

OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WEST FOR THE YOUNG MAN OF TODAY.

By Representative Julius Kahn, of California.

Horace Greeley's advice to young men to go West is just as apt today as it was when that distinguished philosopher uttered it. Speaking of the conditions in the far West, I think the opportunities have materially increased within the past year or two. There is no doubt that there has been a marked increase of trade with the Orient, and that this trade will continue and develop in an assured fact.

I remember a few years ago, when vessels were lying at anchor in the bay of San Francisco waiting for a cargo. Today the only vessels one sees at anchor in that magnificent body of water are those laden with cargoes, waiting for an opportunity to unload their merchandise upon our shores.

Since the enactment of the Dingley tariff law California has made remarkable strides in the development of her orchards and

vineyards. Where in former years the farmer planted cereals, the orchardists plant oranges and other citrus fruits, prunes, peaches, apricots, cherries, olives, walnuts, and almonds. They are much more profitable crops, and millions of dollars have been invested in raising them.

Now that our Eastern brethren are beginning to realize the necessity for irrigation, and in view of the fact that the National Government is considering plans whereby a proper irrigation system may be inaugurated, it is expected that millions of acres of the public domain will be opened up for young men. There is a steady demand for the products of our orchards, and the taking up of lands in the arid West by prospective settlers will create a home market for the manufacturers in the East which will yield infinitely greater returns in the

long run than our vaunted foreign commerce.

The Eastern orchardist need have no fear of competition from his Western brother. Favored by nature as no other section of the Union, our fruits ripen much earlier than those of the East. The products of our orchards are practically exhausted before those of the East have matured. Take Washington City for instance; the early cherries, apricots, peaches, etc., all come from California.

There are splendid opportunities for energetic, active, and industrious young men in these lines, and many of them who are now eager to have existence in this part of the world would undoubtedly rise to at least a position of competency if they were to take the advice of Horace Greeley and "go West."



SOCIETY

mond sunburst, at her throat, and carried a bunch of lilacs of the valley. The little maids made a charming picture in white and lace. Their large hats were of white chiffon, and their robes were of white tulle.

A breakfast reception followed at the Walsh residence on K Street. Later in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Reilly left for Richmond for a short stay before going to Charleston, Palm Beach, and other points in the Far South.

Among the out-of-town guests at the wedding were Mrs. J. J. Moilan, Mr. and Mrs. Doolittle, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Charles Murphy, of Baltimore; Miss Victoria Dunstan, and Mrs. Katherine Hogan, of New York; Mr. George Cranitch, Mrs. John Hughes, and Miss Agnes Purcell, of Boston.

Invited to Meet Mrs. Halstead.
Mrs. John J. Booth has invited her friends to meet Mrs. Alvah Halstead, of New York, this afternoon at her home, 1219 Kenyon Place.

Beginning with this afternoon Mrs. Dabbs, wife of the Senator from Idaho, will give two weekly receptions, from 3 to 6 o'clock.

Miss Mary C. McAnay has gone to Hot Springs, Va., for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Hanna to Receive.
Senator and Mrs. Hanna have cards out for tomorrow evening at 9 o'clock at the Arlington.

Mrs. Thorpe, wife of Representative Thorpe, will entertain at tea this afternoon at her handsome new residence, R and Twentieth Streets.

Lady Paunceloche's Reception.
Lady Paunceloche and the Misses Paunceloche held their regular weekly reception yesterday, when they were at home to an unusually large number of callers.

Senator and Mrs. Hanna's dinner guests Tuesday evening were the Honorable Minister and Baroness Engelhardt, the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Hitchcock, Secretary of Agriculture and Miss Wilson, Senator and Mrs. Sorensen, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Senator and Mrs. Fairbanks, Speaker Henderson, Miss Phelps, General and Mrs. Grosvenor.

Dinner at Chinese Embassy.
The Chinese Minister and Mme. Wu gave another dinner Tuesday. Covers were laid for twenty-two guests, among whom were the Russian Ambassador, the Mexican Ambassador and Mme. Aspirin, Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, Representative and Mrs. Dabbs.

The Shakespeare Club.
The Shakespeare Club met last Saturday at the home of Mrs. A. G. Adams, 547 Rhode Island Avenue. The evening was spent in finishing the reading and study of "The Winter's Tale." The last written and one of the most interesting of Shakespeare's comedies. The reading of the play was omitted, owing to the weather preventing a full attendance. It will be reserved for the next meeting, February 15.

Junior St. Andrew.
The Junior Department of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew entertained in a pleasant and interesting way on Tuesday evening, after which refreshments were served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hirsch, Miss Carrie Hirsch, the Misses Hirsch, Eileen and Marie Glascock, Sheldon, Euse, McKnight, Collins, Ide, Taylor, Messrs. Arthur and William Woodward, Ralph Williams, Johnson, Brown, Marshall Chapman, Bradley Evers, Ralph Pratt, Orton and Mr. Forqueman.

Miss Agnes Murphy's Party.
On Tuesday evening the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murphy, 2211 M Street, was the scene of a pretty party, given in honor of their daughter Agnes, of St. Andrew's, who is to be married to Mr. H. D. Dutton, of the same town, on Wednesday. The most amusing were several dances. The prizes were captured by T. Dougherty, L. Barry, H. Froberg, and Edward Hoff. Among those present were Miss P. Reeves, the Misses Ball, Miss Watts, Miss Mary and Margaret Welch, Mrs. J. Boylaver, and Mrs. C. Crocker. Mr. P. J. Hillard, Mr. Hart, Miss J. Fortune, Irene and Marie Barry, Mabel Hunt, Helene Froberg, Louise Dutton, Gertrude Burrows, Mary Crowley, Bernadette Boylaver, Elsie Powers, Masters Polario, Dougherty, Irving, Burn, John and Francis Greer, Jerome, Thomas, and Joseph Crowley, Frank and Joseph Lewis, Edward and Arthur Hoff, Lewis Dyer, Edward Raymond, Lawrence, Willie, and John Murphy.

Miss Claudia Stuart. 1847 Vermont Avenue, has cards out for a tea.

Miss McKenna Returns Home.
Miss Marie McKenna, who has been visiting the Misses Duvivier, of Philadelphia, has returned to Washington.

Miss Cox and Mrs. Kilvert. will not be at home Saturday of this week, but will be, informally, the remaining Saturdays in February.

Warrent Whitney. February 19.

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME



PETITIONS TO CONGRESS—The Latest Prayers for Peace in the Philippines, and Contains Signatures of Famous Men.

Countless petitions reach Congress every year. They come from all sorts of organizations, and embrace all sorts of subjects. Who eventually becomes of these petitions nobody knows, and for case. They are referred to appropriate committees, stamped, sealed, and filed away, and every few years there is a general clearing out of the committee rooms and overhauling of documents, and pigeonholes are emptied to make room for new petitions and memorials.

Not a few of the petitions pray for regulations by Congress which will give to Washington a Sabbath free from noise and noisy entertainments. These petitions usually come from women's clubs and church congregations throughout the country, and would convey the idea to the reader that the Capital City is beset with the most serious Sunday imaginable.

The most notable petition received at the Senate for a long time has just been presented by Mr. Hoar. It is a prayer for a cessation of hostilities in the Philippines, and is couched in strong and beautiful language. The signers include some of the most famous of modern authors, statesmen, and philanthropists. The name of Mark Twain is near the top, and is closely followed by that of Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, the noted New York reformer.

WHISKERS IN THE SENATE—Mr. Peffer's Appearance Causes All Comment in the Senate.

Senators Mitchell of Oregon and Stewart of Nevada displayed in the Senate chamber each day magnificent sets of whiskers. But as nothing is great except by comparison, when ex-Senator Peffer of Kansas walked into the chamber a few days ago and joined the three Senators named, who were chatting on the floor, and shook out his celebrated beard it made the three other men look almost like smooth-faced youths.

GENERAL WHEELER REMINISCENT—The Southern Veteran Visits His Old Haunts at the Capitol.

Gen. "Joe" Wheeler was at the Capitol Tuesday, renewing his acquaintance among the members and House employees. The general is just as active as he was when in Congress. In fact, he doesn't seem to have grown a day older since he volunteered for service in the Spanish war.

Sparking of officers on the active list of the army, General Wheeler said: "Of all the men in the army who were officers before the breaking out of the civil war there is but one left who is now on the active list—Col. Francis I. Gouther. He is the sole survivor. There

are several others on the active list of the army who were officers during the war, but Colonel Gouther is the only one who was an officer at the beginning of the war."

STYLES AMONG SENATORS—The Old-Time Senatorial Pattern Has Nearly Become Extinct.

The Senatorial dress, along with Senatorial courtesy and Senatorial dignity, is, according to the old employees of the Capitol, rapidly passing away.

The black broadcloth frock coat with trousers to match, a rather low cut vest, and the black string tie, once known as Senatorial dress, are now only affected by a few of the Southern members of the upper house. An exception to the Southern style of dress is noted by Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, who finds brilliant combinations in red neckties and plain colored vests.

The other afternoon two members of the Senate met in the streets in the winter weather in pursuit of a street car. Both caught it. One was Senator Blackburn, and the other was Senator Hanna. They sat side by side. Mr. Hanna was wrapped up to the chin in a magnificent fur-lined coat that must have a value of at least four figures. Mr. Blackburn had on a light coat, which he threw open when he sat down in the car, and as pulled up his trousers when he sat down, displaying a gaudy pair of sixteen socks above a pair of fashionable Oxford ties.

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SOME INSIDE HISTORY—The Alaska Land Office and How They Have Been Fought Over in Congress.

The discussion of the urgent deficiency bill in the Senate yesterday and the effort of Senator Henshaw to save the Alaskan land offices, makes a little bit of inside history most interesting. Senator Henshaw is the chairman of the Committee on Public Lands of the Senate. Mr. Lacey is the chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands. Both these gentlemen, it is said, have endeavored to have their friends appointed to the land offices in Alaska, but Senator Henshaw has been the successful man, and it is said that his constituents have filled a large number of the places.

This it is hinted has hurt Mr. Lacey's feelings, and as a result he has appropriated for these offices stricken out in the House urgent deficiency bill. The bill, therefore, passed the House with the proviso that the offices of the friends, and Mr. Lacey's revenge was complete as far as it went.

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